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Leonard Spence Sentenced to 21 Years in State Prison for Central Avenue Homicide



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LEONARD SPENCE, 26, of Albany, was sentenced to 21 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 22, 2013, SPENCE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony.

On April 18, 2013 in the area of Central Avenue and King Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant caused the death of Darzee Reid by shooting him with a handgun. The victim was rushed to the hospital but was pronounced dead shortly after he arrived.

The defendant fled the area and was located by U.S. Marshals on the Kentucky/Tennessee Border several weeks later.

Bureau Chief Eric Galarneau of the Major Offense Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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